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## **IURC TO INVESTIGATE UNE PRICES**

Today, in Cause No. 42393, the IURC opened its own investigation into the rates SBC charges competitors for use of its unbundled network elements and collocation. The Commission will also review which network elements should be unbundled.

The Commission's action in this matter results from the recent order announced by the Federal Communications Commission, which will adopt new rules for the network unbundling obligations of incumbent local phone carriers.

The Commission also recognizes that the cost studies used to set the price of making unbundled network elements available to competitors may need to be updated. In this cause, it is the Commission's intent to give companies every opportunity to update relevant costs and market information.

The IURC will continue to do its work as mandated by the Telecommunications Act of 1996. A procedural schedule will be set at a later date.

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